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Proposed law defines "health insurance coverage" and "usual and customary rate".

<u>Proposed law</u> provides that the payment of claims for past health care service expenses, if paid through health insurance coverage, shall be limited to the health issuer's liability. Also provides that the recovery of past health care service expenses are limited to the lesser of the amount actually paid to a health care provider by or on behalf of the claimant, regardless of the source of the payment or the usual and customary rate.

<u>Proposed law provides that proposed law shall not apply in certain cases brought pursuant to present law.</u> (Medical Malpractice and Malpractice Liability for State Services)

<u>Proposed law</u> provides that the provisions of <u>proposed law</u> shall have prospective application only and shall not apply to causes of action filed prior to the effective date of <u>proposed law</u>.

Effective on January 1, 2026.

(Adds R.S. 22:1839)

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